

June 25.

ONE SMALL HERRING FARE.

Only Fish Receipts at This
Port This Morning.

Today at this port has been the dulllest for some time as not a vessel with fish has arrived the past 24 hours, the only receipts being 120 barrels of herring landed by the steamer Florence and Mildred.

The pollock seiners operating off here appear to have abandoned that fishery for the present for the fish seem to have left this part of the coast, but along the eastern Maine shore they are reported quite plentiful, and the eastern fishermen are making good catches.

The boat fishermen as usual are doing nothing as fish in the inshore waters are evidently very scarce, as can be seen by the small and insignificant returns being made by them.

The shack fishermen are not coming along as fast as expected so that receipts are not as large to date as that of last year.

Only a small number of the salt bank fleet have yet returned and it looks now as if it would be well into summer before they are all home.

The little steamer Florence and Mildred succeeded in seining 120 barrels of herring yesterday for bait at \$3.50 a barrel.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Morning Star, seining.
Sch. Matiana, via Boston.
Steamer Florence and Mildred, 120 barrels fresh herring.
Sch. Vanguard, Boothbay, 600 qtls. salt fish.
Sch. Massasoit, netting.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, drifting.
Sch. Mary Decosta, haddocking.
Sch. Edith, Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Matiana, haddocking.
Sch. Vanessa, Boston.
Sch. Jessie Costa, haddocking.
Sch. Emerald, haddocking.
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, drifting.
Sch. Eglantine, drifting.
Sch. Agnes, halibuting.
Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.
Sch. Ingomar, shacking.
Sch. Rhodora, seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$15.50 per bbl.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

Vessels Baited.

The herring brought in by the steamer Florence and Mildred were sold for bait to schs. Matiana, Edith Silveira and Mary Decosta, with 40 barrels left over.

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MACKEREL OUTLOOK SEEMS POOR

Newport Reports Claim That the Fish
Have Gone Off the Coast.

Some Old Fishermen Hold Purse
Seines Responsible for Shortage.

The masters of the five vessels of the seining fleet, which arrived since Saturday, have the same story that the prospects at present are not at all to their liking.

The new sch. Premier, which went to Cape Shore, got no fish there, and went south and succeeded in getting 2000 mackerel on the Rips, which Capt. Hamer landed here yesterday.

Sch. Judique is reported at Boston today with 5000 fresh mackerel, which were taken on the Rips, also three netters with small fares, all of which were sold at 24 and 25 cents each.

Thirty-nine vessels have now arrived home from the Cape Shore, bringing 2416 bbls salt mackerel and 443 bbls. fresh. Of these, 790 bbls. salt mackerel came last week.

The total fresh mackerel landed last week were 1420 bbls. making 15,385 bbls. to date, against 29,309 bbls. last year, 26,321 bbls. in 1908, 29,299 bbls. in 1907, 22,120 bbls. in 1906 and 31,998 bbls. in 1905.

The importations of salt mackerel last week were 1325 bbls., including 1299 bbls. from Ireland and 26 bbls. from Canada.

Reports from Port Hawkesbury, C. B., say that the mackerel season there so far has been a failure, although a few mackerel have been taken in North Bay. A report from Souris, P. E. I., on the contrary, says that the netters on the north side of the island are taking mackerel, and that there is the largest body of mackerel there seen in 20 years.

Seiner at Boston.

Sch. Judique, 5000 fresh mackerel.

Netters at Boston.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt, 500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Dixie, 500 fresh mackerel.

Netters at Newport.

Sch. Nautilus, 750 fresh mackerel.
Sch. C. A. Dolliver, 400 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Hamilton, 300 fresh mackerel.

Mackerel at Portland.

One thousand pounds of mackerel were landed for J. W. Trefethen at Portland on Friday. This is the largest locally caught fare of this kind of fish for the season. But it was not all taken by one boat. About a dozen of them landed the mackerel in their nets around Small Point. The gasoline boat that brought them to Portland, went down the bay after them and took them from the small boats. The mackerel were all medium sized. The size of the lot would seem to indicate that the fish have struck at the Maine coast at least, not in any overwhelming numbers.

A letter to the Times from Portland Saturday says mackerel have commenced to strike on the Maine coast. A small Hampton boat was at Portland Saturday with 900 pounds mixed fresh mackerel and another boat with 1800 pounds. Eight barrels came from the traps at Harpswell.

Feeling That Mackerel Season Is
Nearly Over.

Reports from Newport say there is general belief there that the mackerel season is nearly over. The catches are small and expenses too large for maintaining vessels to keep after them.

Scarcity of Mackerel Due to Use of
Seine.

It is said by the men who command

and man the vessels prosecuting it, that the mackerel have taken another course and there are as many in the ocean as there ever were. It would seem that this assertion is untenable, when the situation as presented is analyzed. It is a well known fact that the mackerel go south in the fall when they are fat and come north in the spring to spawn, along the shore of eastern New England and the Canadian provinces.

They do not spawn in water beyond a certain temperature, for they prefer the colder to the warmer near the gulf stream. This in itself makes it evident that they have not taken a far off shore course, as some suppose. It is believed by practical men, such as Capt. Sylvanus Smith, a man of many years experience, who now joins with others, and says that the ingenuity of man, with their engines of wholesale destruction and waste, the purse seine, is the cause of the present scarcity of mackerel.

The spawning fish that the seiners commence to catch in southern waters in March, when on their way to northern spawning grounds, have been destroyed as was the buffalo. Such devices as they have been using the last 30 years, have destroyed the mackerel faster than they could propagate and mature. With the use of the purse seine, the laws of nature have been defied, and it would seem as if the inventive genius of man had succeeded in depleting the waters of the ocean of this most valuable food fish.

Crew of Mackerel Netter Escaped from
Burning Boat.

Reporting that their power boat Gladys, from which they had been fishing for mackerel, had blown up and burned late last night, Capt. C. Babbitt and his crew of three men rowed to Block Island Saturday in a little dinghy and were given shelter at the New Shoreham life saving station. The boat and its crew hailed from Chincoteague Island, Va., and had just arrived off the island when an explosion of gasoline set the craft afire. The men jumped into the tender and reached here after a 12-mile row. The Gladys was about 35 feet long and was valued at \$2000.

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DR. SMITH AND ALEXANDER GOING

Will Assist United States Com-
missioners at Hague.

Dr. Hugh M. Smith, deputy fish commissioner, has been designated by the state department to assist the United States government at the Hague court of arbitration now hearing the fisheries dispute between Great Britain and this country.

Dr. Smith goes as expert commissioner as the result of a request of the court that both countries appoint representatives to furnish this information.

In addition to the appointment of Capt. Carl C. Young of this city, A. B. Alexander of the bureau of fisheries has also been designated as counsellor to Dr. Smith.

June 27. TURNER ENDS HIS ARGUMENT.

Opened Case for United States at Hague Hearing.

George Turner, Esq., of the counsel for the United States in the fisheries hearing before The Hague Tribunal, who opened the case for the United States, completed his argument on Thursday.

He occupied four days in presenting his side of the matter. In concluding, the attorney declared that international writers were so overwhelmingly in favor of the general contentions of the United States that to fail to apply them in the present case would be to override recognized international law.

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Halibut Sales.

The fresh halibut fare of sch. Paragon sold to the New England Fish Co. at 9 cents per pound for white and 7 cents for gray.

Shad Plentiful.

Shad are reported plentiful in the river off South Freeport.

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FISH RECEIPTS THIS MORNING.

Two Cod Fares, One Halibut Banker and Fresh Mackerel.

The arrivals at this port today are sch. Esperanto from an eastern shacking trip, with 130,000 pounds of salt and fresh cod, one from Georges with 9000 pounds of salt cod and one from Quero Bank with 20,000 pounds of halibut, and 30,000 pounds of fresh and salt mixed fish, and one seiner and two netters with about 4000 fresh mackerel.

The pollock seiners appear to have left this place, for none of them are in today, and the shore boats as usual, are doing but little so the only source from which the depleted stock can be replenished is from the salt bank codfishing fleet and the eastern shackers.

The outlook at present for any great change in the present situation is one of conjecture rather than reality.

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Sch. Esperanto, shacking, 100,000 lbs. salt cod, 30,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges, 9000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Premier, seining, 3000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Reliance, netting, 350 fresh mackerel.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, seining.
Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, seining.
Sch. Squanto, seining.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.
Sch. Paragon, Quero Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish, 10,000 lbs. salt fish.
Sch. Terra Nova, seining.
Sch. W. H. Reed, netting.
Sch. Little Fannie, netting.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, netting.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Shenandoah, seining.
Sch. Stiletto, seining.
Sch. Diana, seining.
Sch. Emily Cooney, seining.
Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges.
Sch. Mineola, swordfishing.
Sch. Lafayette, swordfishing.
Sch. Blanche Young, swordfishing.
Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges.
Sch. Margaret, halibuting.
Sch. Mildred Robinson, shacking.
Sch. Eglantine, drifting.
Sch. Cynthia, shacking.

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FISH PLENTIFUL AT T WHARF.

Boston Market Well Supplied Today.

The week opens very satisfactorily at Boston, so far as fish receipts are concerned, quite a number of arrivals being at T wharf today. Many of whom have good trips, so that the market is bountifully supplied.

The prices on the other hand are quite firm, when the amount of stock is taken into consideration.

The steam trawler Spray, which has been making such a record the last three months, is in again today, with a fine trip, mostly of haddock, which was caught in two days.

One seiner is at the wharf, with 5000 mackerel, and three netters, who also have fair catches, while the steamer from Yarmouth, N. S., brought in considerable consignments of various kinds of fresh fish.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, 8000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. William A. Morse, 9000 haddock, 29,000 cod.
Sch. James and Esther.
Sch. Metamora, 4000 cod, 90,000 hake, 5000 cusk.
Sch. Viking, 1000 haddock, 21,000 cod.
Sch. Hortense, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Matchless, 5000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 5000 pollock.
Sch. J. J. Fallon, 25,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 8000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2800 hake.
Sch. Morning Star.
Steamer Spray, 50,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Josie and Phebe, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Galatea, 17,000 cod.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 24,000 cod.
Sch. Mina Swim, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Good Luck, 14,000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 12,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Georgiana, 25,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.
Sch. Judique, 5000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Appomattox, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Seaconnet, 18,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, 500 mackerel.
Sch. Dixie, 500 mackerel.
Sch. Etta, 3000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.65 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1; mackerel, 24 and 25 cents each.

British Herring Fishing.

Shetland is likely to be the chief centre of the herring fleet in the early summer fishing. Good averages have been landed. Prices have varied from 15s to 20s a cran. The quality, it is reported, "was nothing to brag about,"—just in keeping with the season of the year—and the catch was freshed, kippered, and cured in fair proportions.

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At Castlebay, 200 boats, averaging 10 crans, arrived recently. The quality was mixed, but, taken all round, very poor prices ruled from 11s to 14s a cran, the Maestic, of Hopeman, leading with a 100cran shot at the former price.

There will be a decrease of the number of curers at Lerwick, Scotland, this season, but the curing power will be quite as great as formerly, the larger firms represented having made ample preparations to deal with all herrings landed.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Romance arrived at Liverpool Thursday last and cleared for the fishing grounds.

The Canadian Fish Bureau of Friday reports mackerel at Point Es-cuminac, but scarce elsewhere along the Nova Scotia coast.

Schs. Mabel D. Hines and Olympia arrived at Louisburg, C. B., on Friday and cleared for fishing.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury arrived at Lunenburg last week leaking and was placed on the marine railways.

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Belloram, N. F., Fish Notes.

All the bank fishing fleet have arrived with a better average catch than for years, but unfortunately the weather is not favorable for curing it.

The lobster fishery is a decided improvement on former years, both as to size and quantity, with the price \$2 per case higher than last year, the lobster fishermen will do well. But the codfish is exceptionally scarce.

Caplin have struck in in different parts of the Bay, but brought no codfish with them, although if the weather was a bit settled, better work may be done.

The fishery on the Newfoundland side from Point Riche to Flower's Cove has somewhat improved. Traps from eight to 10 quintals on Saturday. At Ferrole and Brig Bay, the hook and line fishermen did well also.

Caplin have just put in an appearance. On the Labrador there has been as yet no trapping outside of a few quintals had by Messrs. Whitely at Bonne Esperance.

Portland Fish Notes.

A good fare of fish was brought in Saturday by the schooner Topsail Girl, which has been absent for about three weeks at the Sable Islands. She had on board about 15,000 pounds of halibut and an equal amount of salt and fresh cod, the whole making a very profitable trip.

The schooner Bernie and Bessie, which has been netting mackerel off Block Island the past six weeks, also returned.

The fishing steamer Cormorant, which was up to Gloucester a week or more ago netting, returned yesterday having found few fish.

After a voyage of exactly 90 days the Italian bark Gwetheyrn Castle arrived off Portland harbor Friday night. She sailed from Trapani, Sicily, on March 26 and was reported as passing Gibraltar on May 4.

Good Fare and Stock.

Capt. Peter Porter of sch. Smugler of this port, has just completed landing a grand fare of salt cod of 265,000 pounds, on which there was realized a stock of \$8200. This is one of the best stocks made in the Grand Bank salt cod fishing this season.

Large Stock and Share.

The codfish fare of sch. Hazel R. Hines weighted off 281,000 salt cod, on which a stock of \$8559 was made, the crew sharing \$261 each.

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Newfoundland Fishermen Doing Well.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., says that never in the history of Newfoundland fishing have fish been so plentiful on the Grand Banks as in the season just past which is known as the spring trip.

With about 20 vessels in the fleet the number of fish taken aggregated 17,000 quintals.

The high liner of the fleet is a vessel from St. John's owned by Hallet Bros. She has a fare of 1750 quintals.

This great abundance of cod has meant a reduction of nearly \$2 from last years prices.

At Belloram the same conditions exist caplin also being very plentiful which is selling for 30 cents per 100.

About 500 vessels are at present in St. Pierre landing fish and the water front is said to present a veritable forest of masts.